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NPIC Briefings

Latest Coverage of Middle East Cease-fire Zone

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1. [] reported nine new SA-2 sites identified in photography [] bringing the total number of SAM sites in the cease-fire zone to 139.

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Soviet Naval Task Force in Cuban Port

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1. [] reported there had been [] of Cuba since arrival of the Soviet naval task force in Cienfuegos Port, the third Soviet flotilla to Cuba in the past year, but the [] The task force now at Cienfuegos includes a Kresta-I Guided Missile Light Cruiser (CLGM), a Kanin Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG), an Alligator Landing Ship Tank (LST), a Sura Buoy Tender (AGL), an Ugra Submarine Tender (AS), and the tanker Liyepaya. The Soviet task force originated at naval facilities in the Kola Gulf, USSR. All but the tanker and the buoy tender had been sighted at either Rosta Naval Base and Ship Repair Yard or at Severomorsk Naval Base []

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[] Deck cargo on the LST consisted of two special-purpose barges which may have been on-loaded at Rosta by a large floating crane observed alongside on [] the LST separated from the force and was not located again until [] when approximately 130 n.m. north of the Dominican Republic. It was next seen on [] near Havana with the AGL and an ocean-going tug.

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2. On OLD HEAD Mission [] coverage of Cienfuegos, [] the LST appeared to be loading or unloading. Nine round objects (probably buoys) were seen on the pier but they []

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[] The guided missile light cruiser, guided missile destroyer, submarine tender, buoy tender, and the tanker Liyepaya as well as an ocean-going tug and two unidentified probable

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special-purpose barges were also seen at Cienfuegos Naval Base and Cienfuegos Port on photography from this mission. The probable special-purpose barges are believed to be the ones seen on the deck of the LST.

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3. [] revealed the entire Soviet naval task force in the same positions at Cienfuegos as [] except that the AGL was backed up to the pier and was apparently on-loading or off-loading cube-like objects, possibly concrete. The two special-purpose barges were not seen clearly as coverage was hazy but two objects at the pier between the LST and the buoy tender are believed to be the barges.

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4. [] was cloud-covered and photography from [] [] However, [] noted collateral information has reported departure on a southeasterly course of some of the units.

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